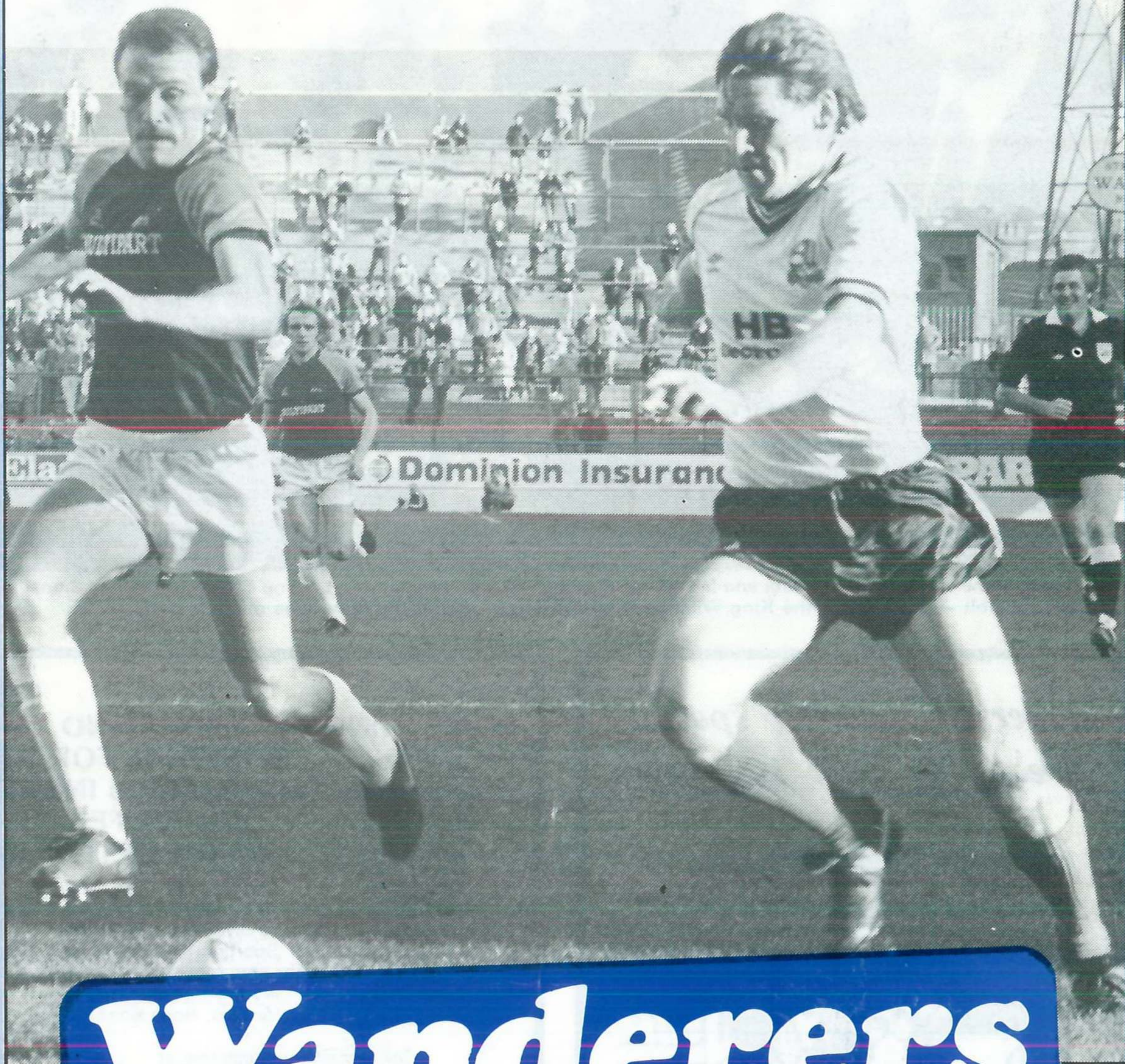


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This afternoon I would like to extend a warm Burnden Park welcome to Lincoln City and their manager Colin Murphy who used to coach me as a player at Derby County. Although we had differences of opinions on certain aspects of coaching he has proved himself to be a survivor with a good track record of dealings in the transfer market.

We will be looking today to try to restore some of the lost faith among our supporters who in my

opinion are beginning to rival Derby's in their enthusiasm both here at home and at away games.

After our exit from the Milk Cup against Notts County on Tuesday night I can pay them, the supporters, the greatest of compliments in saying they have such superb character — even in defeat — which is something we as a team must be prepared to show on the field away from home.

They have justified my faith in them in the same way the Derby supporters have at their club over the recent traumatic changes. The help the fans have given us, although I can't say we deserve it at the moment, should be rewarded.

If it makes the fans feel any better, I had the players in for training on Wednesday morning after the long trip back from Nottingham — so they too were in for work the following morning just like the supporters. At least the problems we have will be worked on every day until we get it right on the field.

A manager who has seen his side lose 6-1 as I did on Tuesday can expect a reaction from his players in the next game.

At Hartlepool I was in a side that lost by seven goals and I know from experience that the only way to put it right is to roll your sleeves up and do battle.

We can expect criticism which I am sure some people are rightly directing at us. The answer in the professional world is to go out and get results.

Nobody, either on the field or off it here at Bolton Wanderers is dodging issues or trying to avoid the fact that we do have problems. But they are not problems that cannot be overcome.

Faith can move mountains, so they say, and along with our supporters we will be trying to do just that. For the ones who travelled down to Notts I can only say Thanks — you were incredible.

FRONT COVER: This break by Wayne Foster set up George Oghani's opening goal.



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LINCOLN CITY

BEST PERFORMANCE FROM LINCOLN

By Tony Pullein

Lincoln have not made the brightest of starts but they did produce their best performance of the season against Reading last Saturday. Up until half-time, when they trailed 0-1, it looked as if the Red Imps were booked for another defeat but they really delighted their Sincil Bank supporters after the interval.

Once John Fashanu had levelled the scores soon after the re-start, Lincoln went on the rampage. Ross Jack converted a penalty to give Lincoln the lead and further goals from Phil Turner, Alan Walker and George Shipley gave them a convincing 5-1 victory.

The Red Imps have been doing quite well on their own ground but manager Colin Murphy will be looking for some improvement, now, to their away performances. Their only away win was at Burnley (2-1) and their only other away point was picked up from a goalless draw at Rotherham.

Lincoln were beaten at Doncaster (2-3), Wigan (0-1), Derby (0-2) and Millwall (0-2) in the League and Hull City (1-4) in the Milk Cup.

Over the past two seasons Lincoln had been among the promotion challengers but they will have soon to show an improvement if they are to become serious challengers this season.

It's 23 years since Lincoln last played in the Second Division and it remains their ambition to get back to that level as soon as possible.

Lincoln City is one of the oldest clubs in the Football League. Formed in 1883, they became founder members of the Second Division of the Football League in 1892. They were voted out of the competition in 1908 but they managed to regain their place a year later.

The Red Imps were ejected again in 1911, once again to be restored within a year. In 1920 they were thrown out of the League for a third time but, fortunately for them, the Third Division (North) was formed in 1921 so, yet again, they were deprived of League status for only one season.

For many years Lincoln floundered in the lower regions of the Northern section table but in 1927/28 they emerged as surprise challengers for promotion. They eventually missed out, though.

Lincoln finally battled their way back into the Second Division in 1932 when they pipped Gateshead on goal-average for the championship of the Northern section. Two years later they were back in Division Three, remaining until taking the championship again in 1948. This time they were relegated at the end of their first season but they bounced back again in 1952 for their last spell of Division Two play.

Relegation overtook them in 1961 and a year later they dropped into Division Four for the first time. They stayed for a very long while.

They were dramatically robbed of promotion in 1975 when they lost their last match but they made no mistake a year

later when they smashed all previous League records by totalling 74 points.

Manager Graham Taylor left for Watford in 1977 and the club went through a period of instability, leading to relegation in 1979. By then Colin Murphy was in charge and he decided to rebuild from scratch.

Under Mr Murphy, the Red Imps took runners-up spot in 1981 and since then they have been planning for a return to Division Two.

Attendances this season have been most disappointing. Apart from a crowd of 4,420 for the opening match of the season against neighbouring Hull City, gates have been well below three thousand and the Preston game attracted a mere 1,906.

More performances like the one against Reading last Saturday will undoubtedly win back a few fans but if they are to increase their support substantially, the Red Imps will have to mount a promotion challenge. If they are to do that, they will have to start picking up a few more away points.

DAVID FELGATE (Goalkeeper). David won his first full cap for Wales when coming on for the injured Neville Southall against Romania last season. He had previously won Welsh schoolboy caps. David was once a Bolton player, starting his professional career at Burnden Park in 1978. He didn't play in our first-team, though he played League soccer during loan periods with Rochdale and Crewe. He was transferred to Lincoln in 1980 and has been their first-choice in goal since then.

NEIL REDFEARN (Defender). Neil is another former Bolton player who has been turning out in the unusual position of full-back in recent weeks. Neil served his apprenticeship with Nottingham Forest and came to Burnden Park in 1982. He made 35 League appearances for us, mostly in midfield, and initially joined Lincoln on loan last season.

ALAN WALKER (Defender). Alan went straight into the Red Imps' first-team last season following his transfer from Telford United last season. Alan skippered Telford at Wembley when they defeated Northwich Victoria 2-1 in the F.A. Trophy final of 1983 and made his League debut for Lincoln against Burnley just over a year ago.

STEVE THOMPSON (Defender). Steve developed with Boston United and was transferred to Lincoln for £15,000 in 1980. He quickly settled to League soccer and has since completed more than 100 League appearances for the Red Imps.

GARY STRODDER (Defender). Gary served his apprenticeship at Sincil Bank and was given his first chance in League football two seasons ago. He has appeared in midfield and defence.

PHIL NEALE (Defender). Phil was once an amateur with Scunthorpe United but has spent his whole professional career with Lincoln, completing 300 League games for the

club last season. He has spent most of his sporting life also as a county cricketer with Worcestershire.

GORDON SIMMONITE (Defender). Gordon served his apprenticeship with Rotherham but then moved on to Sheffield Wednesday where he played just one League match. He then went non-League with Boston United until Blackpool signed him in 1980. He established himself in League football with the Bloomfield Road club and moved on to Lincoln two seasons ago.

MARK McCARRICK (Defender/Midfield). Mark came into prominence with Witton Albion and Birmingham City snapped him up. He played 15 times in their First Division side last season but then found himself a victim of the economies forced upon the club by relegation. He joined Lincoln during the summer.

GORDON MAIR (Midfield). Gordon played for Scotland schoolboys and was later invited to join Notts County as an apprentice. He made his League debut for the Meadow Lane side in 1977 and helped them progress to First Division status in 1982. Gordon made around 150 first-team appearances for Notts and moved on to Lincoln during the last close-season.

GEORGE SHIPLEY (Midfield). George started his professional career with Southampton but made his League debut whilst on loan to Reading in 1978/79. He got a few games in the Southampton side the following season but, after a few weeks, was transferred to Lincoln for £38,000. At the moment he is the Red Imps' leading scorer with four goals.

PHIL TURNER (Midfield). Phil developed in the youth team and came through to the League eleven in 1979/80. He has been a fixture in the side for more than four years now.

JOHN MCGINLEY (Midfield). John joined Sunderland from

Gateshead and made three appearances in the Roker League team in 1981/82. He was then transferred to the Belgian club Charleroi and has returned to League football with Lincoln this season. John scored his first League goal in a recent 4-0 victory over Preston.

JOHN FASHANU (Forward). John started his career with Cambridge United where he was a reserve player. He moved on to Norwich and made his League debut for the Canaries in 1981/82. After a loan spell with Crystal Palace last season, John was transferred to Lincoln, scoring seven goals. He has netted three times this season.

JOHN THOMAS (Forward). John joined Lincoln from Chester in the 1983 close-season and was top scorer with 14 goals last season. Another former Bolton player on the Sincil Bank staff, John spent his early days with Everton and it was following loan spells with Tranmere and Halifax that he came to Burnden Park in 1980. He played a couple of dozen League games for us before moving on to Chester, where he was top scorer with 21 goals in 1982/83.

GORDON HOBSON (Forward). Gordon scored on his League debut for Lincoln against Cambridge in 1978 and has been a consistent scorer for them over the years. In 1980/81 he was top scorer with 21 goals but he has scored only twice so far this term.

ROSS JACK (Forward). Though Ross scored on his League debut for Everton, he was never given a second chance in the side. He moved on to Norwich and it was at Carrow Road that he established himself in League soccer. In 1981/82 he scored 14 goals for the Canaries. Lincoln signed him in 1983 and last season he scored 11 times. He has scored twice this season.



Back Row: Phil Neale, Steve Thompson, Keith Houghton, Stuart Naylor, John Fashanu, David Felgate, Alan Walker, Gary Strodder, Gordon Simmonite.

Front Row: Mark McCarrick, Gordon Hobson, John Thomas, Bert Loxley (Physiotherapist), Colin Murphy (Manager), John Pickering (Assistant Manager), Ross Jack, George Shipley, Phil Turner.

On Ground: Stuart Hall, Willie Gamble (Apprentices).

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Club News

In Retrospect

The Wanderers face Lincoln City today for the 13th time in the Football League with both clubs having won five of the previous games.

Prior to the formation of the League the sides faced each other in January 1888 at the John O'Gaunts ground Lincoln, Bolton taking the lead through a goal from Howarth before finding themselves 3-1 down at the interval. The Wanderers fought back to equalise but went down to a late goal by 4-3.

A year later the Wanderers again visited Lincoln and gained revenge with a 3-2 win. This time Bolton grabbed a late goal through Turner with the other goals coming from Milne and Roberts. The crowd found half back Bob Roberts' amusing carrying his 16 stone frame around a football pitch but they found nothing funny in his goal that put Bolton in front, bundling ball and goalkeeper over the line.

The first league game between the sides took place in September 1899 here at Burnden Park, a crowd of 3,000 witnessing a one sided game. Somerville and Fitchett gave Bolton a half time lead and despite Lincoln's second half improvement they couldn't prevent Gilligan and Bell making it 4-0.

The return game at Lincoln took place in January 1900 before a crowd of 4000. Bolton were well on course for promotion but suffered a rare defeat going down to a first half goal from Scott. The defeat could have been far more severe but for the splendid goalkeeping of Sutcliffe in the Wanderers' goal.

Bolton won promotion and didn't face Lincoln again until their return to the Second Division in 1903/04. The Imps then completed the double with a 1-0 home win and a 2-1 win here at Burnden. Bolton then completed the double in seasons 1904/05 and 1910/11 which were both at Second Division level and which also saw promotion won at the end of each season.

The Wanderers next spell in Division Two came in 1933/34 and also the next meeting with Lincoln. That season the Imps were struggling at the foot of the table and were eventually relegated but not before they had won 2-1 at Burnden and drawn 2-2 at Sincil Bank.

It was another 50 years before the next league encounter which took place at Sincil Bank last November, the game producing the only goalless draw between the clubs. Gerry McElhinney came through a bruising battle with five stitches to show for his efforts as the Wanderers made it three away games without defeat.

The last league game took place in February when Lincoln kept up their 'reasonable' record here at Burnden by winning 2-0. Gordon Hobson opened the scoring in the 65th minute and former Wanderer John Thomas completed the scoring with a spectacular goal 10 minutes from time. The sides were: Bolton: Platt, Borrows, Snookes, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Foster, Rudge, Bell. Sub. Oghani for Thompson.

Lincoln: Felgate, Williamson, Neale, Cockerill, Simmonite, Houghton, Hobson, Turner, Fashanu, Thomas, Shipley. Sub. Walker for Houghton.

Attendance - 5,450.

In the Cup we have been drawn together only once when a Football League Cup second round tie in season 1977/78 saw the Wanderers win by a single goal. The Wanderers were leading the

Second Division at the time but were lucky to win the tie with an Alan Waldron goal after only 3 minutes as City then dominated for most of the game.

Our league record against Lincoln reads -

	PL	W	D	L	F	A
Home	6	3	0	3	13	8
Away	6	2	2	2	7	5
Total	12	5	2	5	20	13

Down Memory Lane

15 years ago 1st November 1969. The Wanderers registered their first win in 7 games with a 3-1 home win over Bristol City. Centre forward John Manning missed the game through injury, Warwick Rimmer coming into the side and Garry Jones wearing the No. 12 shirt.

The smallest gate of the season 6,450 saw City centre half Rooks put through his own goal with John Byrom and Terry Wharton grabbing Bolton's goals with Sharpe netting for City.

10 years ago 26th October 1974. Three goals in 13 minutes gave the Wanderers a 3-1 win at York City. Ian Holmes opened the scoring for City a minute from half time when he converted a penalty awarded when Paul Jones had handled. Stuart Lee pulled one back just after the interval and then Hugh Curran and Sam Allardyce - his first league goal, completed the fightback..

Brian Smith made his full league debut in place of Peter Olinyk and Tony Dunne returned at left back.

2nd November 1974. An unchanged Bolton side entertained Nottingham Forest at Burnden and ran out 2-0 winners. Hugh Curran grabbed his sixth goal in six games after 14 minutes and Brian Smith rounded off a fine home debut with an 81st minute goal slipping the ball past Forest keeper Dennis Peacock.

5 years ago 27th October 1979. Len Cantello stepped back into the side for the visit of Crystal Palace to Burnden. A 1-1 draw meant the Wanderers had drawn six of their seven home league games. Alan Gowling opened the scoring in the 46th minute with a glancing header only for substitute Neil Smillie to equalise for Palace in the 81 minute.

3rd November 1979. Bolton went down to their sixth successive away defeat at Aston Villa going down 3-1.

The Wanderers lost Sam Allardyce after 25 minutes through injury and Len Cantello was a passenger for most of the game having received a knock on his ankle. They were 3 goals down before Neil Whatmore shot home in the 82nd minute to reduce the arrears.

200 Up

The Wanderers third goal against Preston here at Burnden was the Club's 200th Third Division goal.

It is interesting to see which players have grabbed those 200 goals the leading four being John Byrom (31), Tony Caldwell (24) Jeff Chandler (20) and Garry Jones (19).

George Oghani who scored the 200th goal is in tenth place behind such old favourites as Roger Hunt, Paul Jones and Roy Greaves.

Junior Whites News

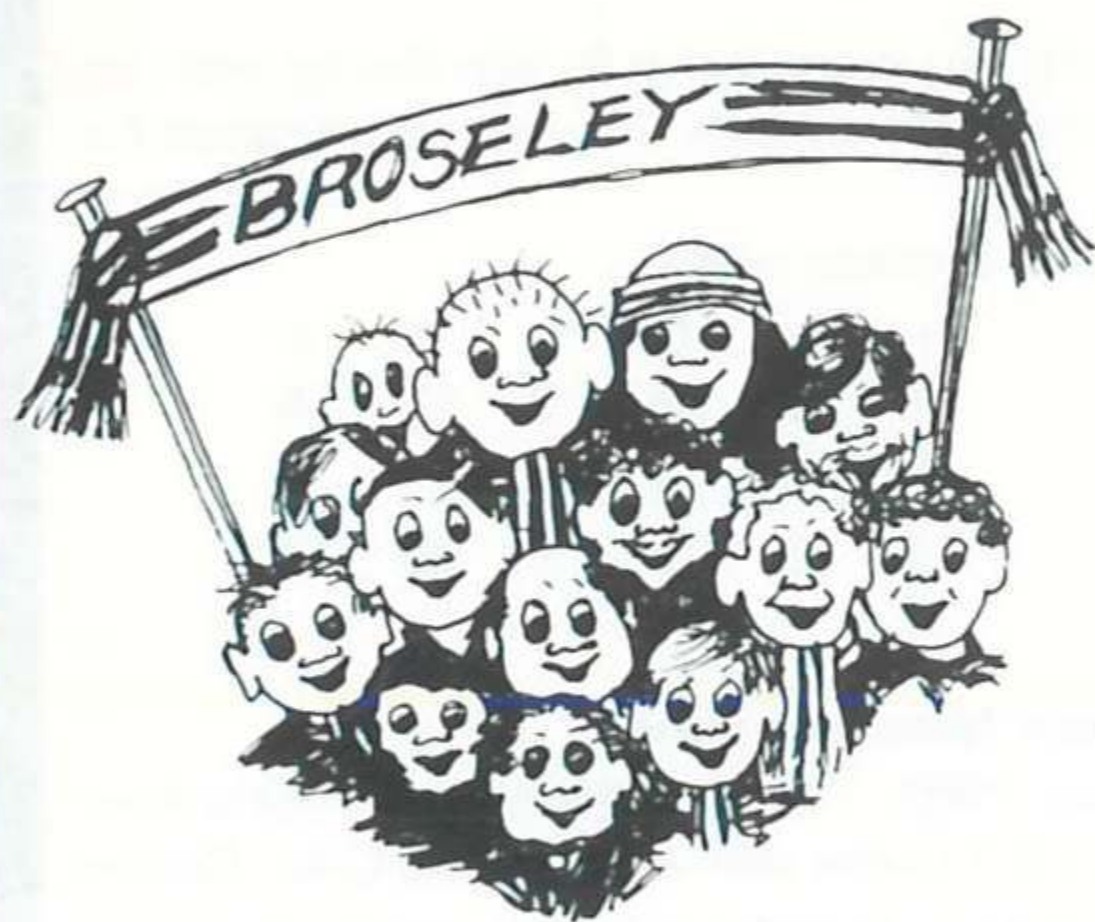
Today's mascot is Christopher Keith Monks from Arnold Street, Halliwell. Christopher is 10 years old and attends St Thomas's Junior School and he plays for the school team on the right wing. His favourite players is Simon Farnworth.



Supporters Association News

The new Supporters Association badges are now available either by post from R. Crawshaw 70 Horsa Street Bolton or from the Souvenir Shop. They are available in both blue and white and cost £1.00 to members and £1.50 to non members. Please enclose an s.a.e. if buying by post.

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In Reserve

10th October 1984. Port Vale Reserves 2 Bolton Wanderers Reserves 0

Former Wanderers' keeper Barry Siddall was in top form for Port Vale as they registered their first home win of the season.

Roy Coghiel playing his first central league game of the season for Bolton was first to test Siddall in the 12th minute with a shot that was cleared off the keeper's legs.

Vale went in front after 24 minutes when Denis Monaghan was given a free header from a left wing corner which left John Platt stranded.

The latter stages of the first half belonged to the Wanderers with Roy Coghiel again bringing a good save out of Siddall and Dean Roberts going close.

Vale's centre half Bob Mountford was booked in the 41st minute after he had upended Coghiel on the edge of the area. Paul Lodge shot the kick straight into the wall and the danger was cleared.



PAUL LODGE

Dean Roberts also found his way into the referee's notebook for throwing the ball away at a free kick.

Bolton kept up the pressure in the opening minutes of the second half with a shot from 20 yards by Simon Rudge bringing the best out of Siddall.

Roger Walker also became more involved and he created a chance for Dean Roberts by sprinting past two defenders and pulling the ball back but the unfortunate Roberts slipped when he was just about to shoot.

Julian Darby also went close before Vale increased their lead in the 73rd minute when Colin Tartt latched onto a through ball from Jones which left the Wanderers flat footed. He raced clear before smashing the ball past John Platt who had no chance with the effort.

Bolton should have reduced the arrears in the 78th minute when Dean Roberts ran onto a poor Mountford back pass to set up Simon Rudge but the effort summed up the Wanderers evening when it ended up in Siddall's arms. Team: Platt, Walker, Deakin, Booth, Berry, Winstanley, Darby, Coghiel, Rudge, Lodge, Roberts, Sub: Shepherd.

Paul Elliott "Got The Call"

By John Nolan

PAUL ELLIOTT, Luton's young centre-half is one of the bright young stars carrying on the great tradition in international football at Under-21 level.

A Londoner, Elliott's height and pace singled him out as an outstanding prospect when he joined Charlton Athletic from school, in 1978, after excelling at athletics and it wasn't long before he broke into the Charlton first team.

In fact so important was he that the then manager of Charlton, Alan Mullery, refused to release Paul to travel with the England Youth team to contest the World Youth Championship in Australia in the Autumn of 1981. "We need him in the first team," insisted Mullery.

Paul, made 38 Second Division appearances that season and was a regular member of the side the following season until Luton Town manager David Pleat stepped in with a cheque for £100,000.

Luton had a defensive record you wouldn't believe having conceded 47 goals in their opening 27 First Division games. Paul was thrown right in at the deep end and the 19-year-old proved instantly influential... Luton drew 0-0 at home to West Bromwich Albion, and that was as good as a win at that time.

That was in March 1983 and the next time I caught up with this likeable young man was in a stark corridor of a rather drab Hungarian hotel just 12 months ago. Paul was in the England Under-21 squad.

It had been a meteoric rise to fame and one that had taken the wind out of his sails... "That was only my 15th game for Luton last Saturday," he gasped.

"Bobby Robson was there and I played quite well and I got the call. And here I am with the England Under-21's, I was very surprised."

The move to Luton had proved a good one for Elliott. It not only scotched a lot of rumours which had been linked with his talents to nearly every top club in the country but because of their plight, it provided instant First Division football.

"At first it was a little difficult," he confides. "My lack of experience was exposed but Mal Donaghy coached me along and I soon adjusted to the higher grade."

"The main difference was in the penalty area. First Division players make things happen quickly in that area and you have to be on your toes and concentrating all the time."

"Mal helped me by chatting to me for the whole 90 minutes. He did not allow me to slacken off and he also improved by positional sense so he made me a better player."

"Luton are an attacking side and although we are criticised for conceding so many goals I am encouraged by David Pleat to go forward when the opportunity arises."

"We have worked very hard on getting back players forward and covering them when they go. We like to support the attack."

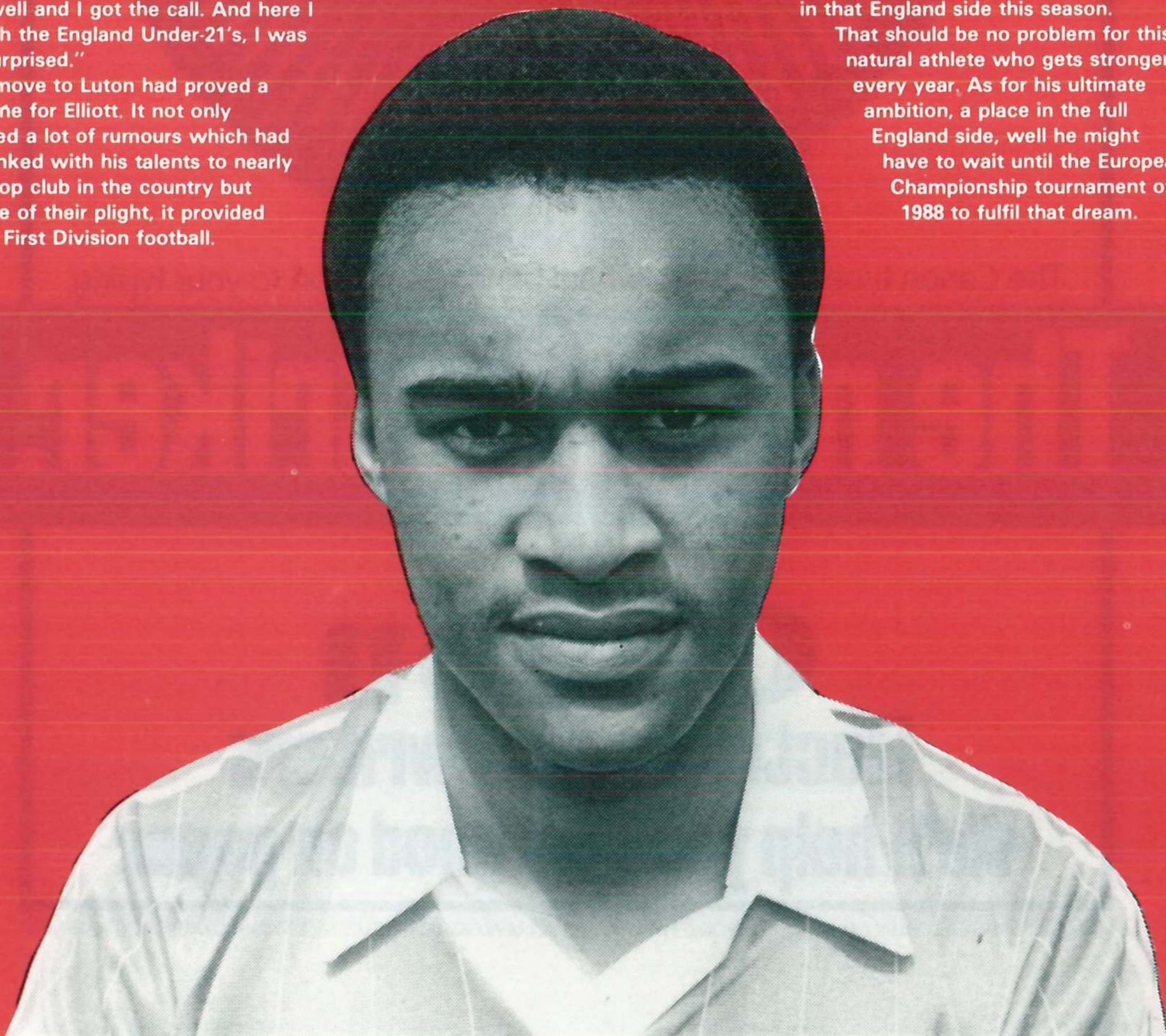
It seems that young Paul has always been in the public eye. He won England Youth caps and was hailed as a great prospect for the future but he managed to keep both feet firmly on the ground.

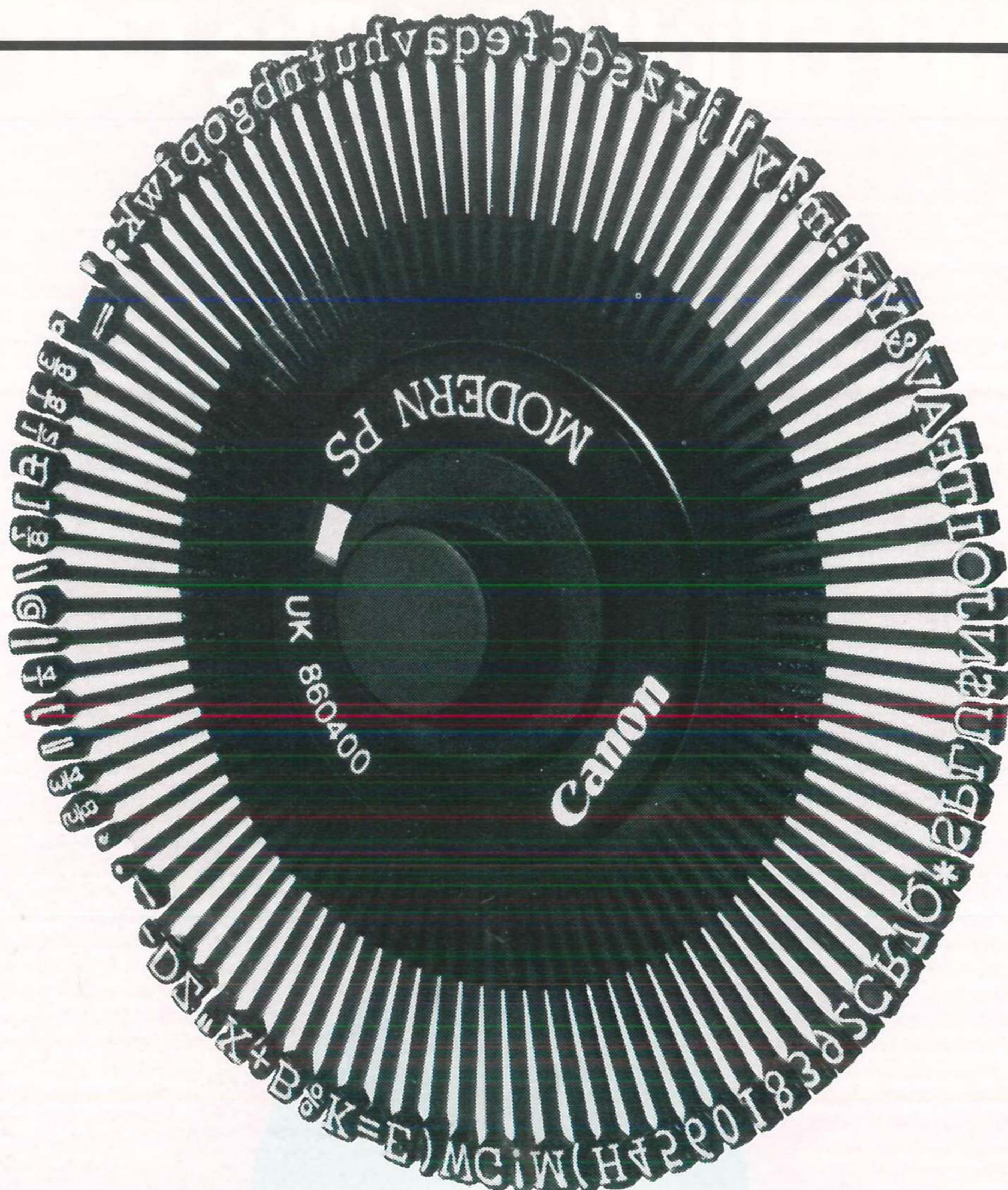
He brushes off the adulation as nonchalantly as he disposes of opposing strikers. "I don't let things like that influence me whatsoever," he says. "I just take every game as it comes and although I am obviously flattered by some of the things I read in the newspapers I don't let it go to my head."

"I am only 20, I'm still very young and have an awful lot to learn."

Paul did not play for the England Under-21 side last season, although he was a regular member of the squad, so his immediate ambition is to establish himself in that England side this season.

That should be no problem for this natural athlete who gets stronger every year. As for his ultimate ambition, a place in the full England side, well he might have to wait until the European Championship tournament of 1988 to fulfil that dream.





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ITALY AGREES WITH RAY WILKINS

By John Nolan

RAY WILKINS is once more a dominant figure in English football as he proves to be one of the most influential internationals in Bobby Robson's World Cup campaign.

The fulcrum in midfield, the former Chelsea, Manchester United and England captain is a natural leader. And as a player he can dominate and dictate the flow of play at the highest level through his composure on the ball, perceptive vision and constructive and accurate passing.

Of course he has not been without his critics — name me a true talent in this country who has not been pilloried by the media. They said the only passes Wilkins played were square or back, but Italian club AC Milan were perceptive enough to snap him up on a three year contract.

You can't blame Ray for leaving. The lire is good but there was much more at stake when he seriously considered the offer.

He is a serious professional with pride in his performance. "I believe going abroad will make me a better player and if that is the case then England will also benefit," he says in typical straightforward fashion.

"Last season at Old Trafford I was very pleased with my form but I feel this season at Milan I am playing even better. It is a different game in Italy but it is very good and enjoyable."

Already Ray, who is just turned 28 has had his eyes opened. The first day of training with his new Italian colleagues almost frightened him to death.

"I tell you I was amazed," he smiles slowly. "The ability of the players is frightening. Their defenders were better than me on technique. Their first touch and control is fantastic . . . I thought I better catch the first plane home before I ruined my reputation."

"They pull balls down from any height or angle with the greatest of ease. It is just a natural instinct with them, it has been bred into them from childhood."

But Ray can also add some typical anglo-saxon qualities to the AC Milan team which will help make them a better outfit. The Italians don't have the attitude of English players, the get up and at them drive and Ray will get them going.

"AC Milan think they will win the League again someday . . . and that day is tomorrow," says Ray. "We will do our best."



Star footballers in Italy are treated like kings. The weather is superb and the money good but what will his stay with Milan do for his own game?

"I don't know," comes the honest reply. "I should become more capable of breaking down massed defences with sweepers behind. I'll certainly get plenty of practice in."

So while Ray continues his soccer education in the sunshine of Italy we can only judge his improvement from his appearances in an England shirt.

He says: "I really look forward to coming back to play for my country. It is very important for all of us to do well for England and I think we made a good start to the new campaign against East Germany."

"The midfield was well balanced. Bryan Robson and I have played together a lot before and Steve Williams had a superb match I thought. He gave me the impression that he wants to stay in the England side for a long time. I don't mind sitting back to let him push forward."

"We must not get too excited though. There is a long way to go and success can only be judged by performances in the finals themselves. Mexico provides the examination and first we have to qualify to sit it."



GOAL KING THE FINAL

and told how to do these things. I suppose what has disappointed me most is that someone did not come along and say, 'Well he can score goals, is very quick, let's take him on and teach him the rest of the game,' but they didn't and because of bad coaching by managers in the past the rest of my game was ignored.

"Things changed when Ian Porterfield took over at Bramall Lane. He has worked hard on me, got me right and now I'm a much better player.

"The boss has made me much more aware of the rest of the team. He has given me more responsibility in the framework of our game. I take corners and free kicks and this has helped me a lot. . . You never stop learning in this game and I have always been receptive to good advice."

BRAIN WORK

As a teenager, Keith had a trial with Middlesbrough. "They played me in midfield and that is why Sheffield United signed me," he laughs. "I'll never make a midfield player in a month of Sundays."

On October 6th Keith reached a very important milestone at Elland Road. It was the 72nd minute of the game against Leeds United when Colin Morris broke away down the left. Over came the cross and Keith streaked in to beat David Harvey with a super header. . . that was Keith's 200th goal of his career.

"That was a satisfying feeling," reflects Sheffield United's golden boot. "It was particularly pleasing getting it at such a nice ground and in a match that was on the TV. We have got that one on the video now, for my dad and the kids.

"To me it was just another goal and all I'm really concerned about is netting the next one.

"I'm only 27 and that is important to me. I have scored 200 goals at a relatively young age and now I am chasing Bob Hatton's and Bryan Robson's records."

Two-hundred goals! Quite a collection but are there any which particularly stick in the scorer's memory?

"The one I think I enjoyed most was against Bristol Rovers, although it was spoilt somewhat by people inferring that I did not mean it. The ball was played up to me and I let it run through my legs, leaving the marker flat-footed, ran around the 'keeper and tapped it into the net.

"That was a nice goal, achieved by the brain and the body, not just strength and speed. I think that was one of my best goals.

"Another one which springs to mind was scored against Sheffield United. it was when I was with Hull and it proved to be the winning goal. That was a blast into the top corner of the net, a sort of glory goal. At the time I did not know whether to celebrate or cry. On reflection though it did a lot for my career, that goal. Later that week I was transferred back to United."

A GLANCE down the record of goal ace Keith Edwards over the past nine years reveals a scoring consistency that has you wondering how on earth Sheffield United have managed to hang onto this talented marksman for so long.

No disrespect to the Blades, one of the best run clubs in the country, but in an era when goalscorers are at a premium it is more than surprising that such a natural finisher has not become the target of soccer's elite, particularly as United have spent the past few seasons in the nether regions of the Third and Fourth Divisions.

"I can't understand it either," smiles Keith, whose trim 10-stone frame contains a package of real goalscoring dynamite.

"The same as I couldn't understand why I was sold to Hull City for £55,000 and then back to Sheffield United — then in the Fourth Division — for £95,000," he adds.

There is a tone of bewilderment in his voice at this juncture, for Keith has been scoring goals almost since he could walk. He has the knack as his record so clearly confirms, but the critics have always hinted that the rest of his game did not come up to scratch.

What the hell. If you can score goals then that should be enough. Suggestions that Keith was lazy and did not contribute to the overall team pattern was hurtful. "The hardest part about playing up front is scoring goals," he challenges. "I have got that part right as my record shows.

"The reason given by most people as to why I have not been offered a job in the First Division is that the rest of my game, linking the team up and work rate — that is a pet hate of mine because I always do a lot of running — are the reasons I have not made it to the top. But I don't subscribe to that theory.

"It wasn't my fault anyway. I should have been coached,

G EDWARDS ADDS TOUCH

BY COLIN BENSON

IT'S A LIVING

Keith Edwards is not a big man although his heart is as big as they come. "Size doesn't matter in this business," he says. "I'm only just over 5' 8" but if you are quick and can get in front of defenders then there is always a chance.

"That goal against Leeds United was a perfect example. If the run is timed correctly and you meet the ball at the right point, then you are there. By the time the defender has reacted it is too late.

"There is no magic formula to scoring. The timing of runs and knowing where to be is a natural instinct but one of the important things, as far as I'm concerned, is that I'm never frightened to miss. A lot of players don't feel comfortable if they miss a couple of shots and will then look to play the ball to other people when opportunities arrive. That doesn't affect me. I'm always willing to have a shot."

It is confidence like that which has helped shoot Keith Edwards into the top bracket of goalscorers. He is proving just as sharp and successful in the Second Division this season as he has been in the lower spheres of the game, but although he is the guy who provides the finishing touch he is quick to point out his reliance on the service from the rest of his colleagues.

"Colin Morris and the rest of the midfield boys must take

some of the credit," he insists. "Colin is a player of real quality. A good old fashioned winger who provides me with a string of perfect crosses. He is the best player I have ever worked with. It was only fitting that it should be his cross that set up my 200th goal at Leeds."

And what of this season? "If I can hit the high 20's and add a few more from cup matches that will do," he says with relish. "I would love to hit 30 plus though that would make it three out of four seasons with 30 or more League goals which would be quite something. I don't feel I've reached my peak yet, so who knows.

"I honestly don't think I will stop scoring goals whatever division I play in. And if the club continues to gain success as it has done in the past few seasons then I see no reason why I can't achieve my ambition to play in the First Division.

"I would love to do that with Sheffield United. They are a great club to play for and they have stuck by me so I owe them something. We have some great players at Bramall Lane, people who can play football and I see no reason why we can't reach the top."

Meanwhile the man who dismisses his role with the words; "You've got to do something for a living," continues to shoot himself into the record books. Keith Edwards is a natural, one of the game's great finishers.



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As a member of the London Coaches association I was astonished to hear a prominent member questioning the validity of England boss Bobby Robson introducing a Dutch coach to teach the techniques of dribbling at the Football Association GM National School.

"We have got our own coaches in this country who are quite capable of teaching these techniques if given the chance," was the essence of the argument.

All I can say is why haven't they done so already . . . If we have such coaches then where are the young players to whom they have communicated this knowledge?

Insularity is one of the reasons why we have slipped so far back in the world game. We have to be prepared to listen, observe and learn from others.

Wiel Coever, the 61-year old Dutchman brought in by Mr Robson is reputed to be brilliant at coaching close control so what harm can it do our youngsters? None at all. Let's just hope they learn from the experience and help to put England back on top of the soccer world.

GERMANY SETS EXAMPLE

Talking of international football, Bobby Robson must have cast envious eyes towards Franz Beckenbauer as he prepared to steer England towards the World Cup in Mexico.

The Football League have still not found it possible to re-arrange the fixtures to allow a free week before an important international. Yet Beckenbauer, the new West German national team coach has been extended every facility by the Bundesliga.

The clubs have readily agreed to release their players

for an extra national squad training camp and in the aftermath of a humiliating 3-1 home defeat by Argentina, have also sanctioned two additional friendly internationals in the Spring of 1986.

One appreciates that there are not so many matches played in the Bundesliga as in our domestic competition and thus it is easier to be flexible but I'm sure with greater foresight and closer co-operation the Football Association and the Football League could come to terms with the problems.

FUMING

When the West Midlands Regional Health Authority and the Health Education Council combined to finance the sponsorship of West Bromwich Albion this season, the local NUPE officials lit up.



"Smokin' Joe" carried a no smoking emblem on his shirt when he was with Albion.

They claimed the money would have been better spent preventing cutbacks at hospitals in the area but a health authority spokesman

insisted that it is better to prevent smoking-related diseases than to have to cure them.

So the Hawthorns remains a smokeless zone, despite the fact that their attack has been ably led by 'Smoky Joe' Regis.

MARADONA GETS THE TREATMENT

Italian journalists and indeed the public at large are no respecters of reputations. Diego Maradona, the Argentinian 'wonder boy' has found his introduction to Italian football painful.

Following his massive transfer from Barcelona this summer the Argentine failed to live up to expectations as he opened the season with his new club Naples and the papers crucified him.

"The emperor already has no clothes" stated one provocative headline and the insults were crowned by a poll showing Maradona as the worst foreign player . . . That after just one game. He must be thinking life was not quite so bad in Barcelona even if they do have an English coach.

KISSINGER BACK IN FOOTBALL

Former U.S. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Henry Kissinger is involved in football again. The one time politician has taken on the function of chairman of a newly created advisory board for U.S. selections. According to the new President of the United States Soccer Federation, the major task of this body is to set up development programmes for football at all levels in the States, and to organise international tournaments. The long-term aim of this measure of course is to try and persuade FIFA to stage the Final competition of a World Cup tournament in the U.S. A.

Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players

If any footballer was ever regarded as a student of the game it was **HAROLD HASSALL**, the England inside forward who graced Burnden Park for all too short a time.

After joining Wanderers from Huddersfield Town in January 1952 for a record fee, the Tyldesley-born Hassall played in only 102 League games in Bolton colours before a knee injury ended his career prematurely in 1955.

But in that time the lanky, gifted player made a tremendous impact at Burnden Park and it was a fitting reward two years after his retirement that a near 20,000 crowd attended a testimonial match in his honour. **YESTERDAY'S HEROES** features the short, but distinguished career of the player Wanderers almost missed out on.



Harold Hassall, second right, in Cup Final mood with team-mates George Higgins, Willie Moir, Ralph Banks and Eric Bell.

TRAGEDY cut short **HAROLD HASSALL**'s career when, on New Year's Day in 1955 a tackle involving a Chelsea defender left the Wanderers' inside forward with badly torn knee ligaments.

He had spent just three short years in the Bolton side, but Wanderers' fans who saw him remember a gifted footballer and recognise the tremendous loss to the game and to the club caused by his premature retirement.

Wanderers' officials, however, thought for a number of years that they had missed out on the unquestioned talents of the lad born just half a dozen miles from Burnden.

Born in Tyldesley he developed in junior football and at 15 had caught the eye of one particular Bolton scout who recommended he be signed on. The recommendation was overlooked and Services football — he was in the Army but played for Huddersfield as an amateur — brought him true recognition.

He made his debut for Huddersfield in the 1948-49 season and was quickly in the running for England honours. In all he was to represent England five times and played a number of games for the Football League.

Having slipped through the Bolton net in his younger days, Hassall became a Bolton player in January 1952 when the manager of the day Bill Ridding paid a club record £26,000 transfer fee to the Yorkshire Club.

Within 18 months Hassall was lining up in the 1953 FA Cup Final against Blackpool.

The FA Cup always seems to bring the best out of its heroes and one of Hassall's most memorable moments was a tie for Huddersfield against Preston in 1951. In an emergency he slipped on the goalkeeper's jersey and proceeded to turn in one of the most amazing displays, making a number of fine saves including one from a Tom Finney penalty to see Huddersfield through to the next round.

When he lost his living as a player, Harold Hassall — a qualified teacher — turned to coaching and within a very short time he became manager-coach of the England Youth team.



In action — Harold slides in but this time there's no goal. In all he scored 33 goals in 102 League games for Wanderers.

A qualified FA Staff Coach he joined the FIFA coaching panel in 1966 along with Ron Greenwood after the two had worked for the world governing body during the World Cup in England that year.

During a 19 year spell as senior lecturer in physical education at Padgate College, he had spells doing part-time coaching work around the world including the Far East.

These days Harold, a true sporting all rounder who has enjoyed golf, sailing and cricket among others, has had a complete change of sport and is currently general secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association. He still has a home in Bolton.

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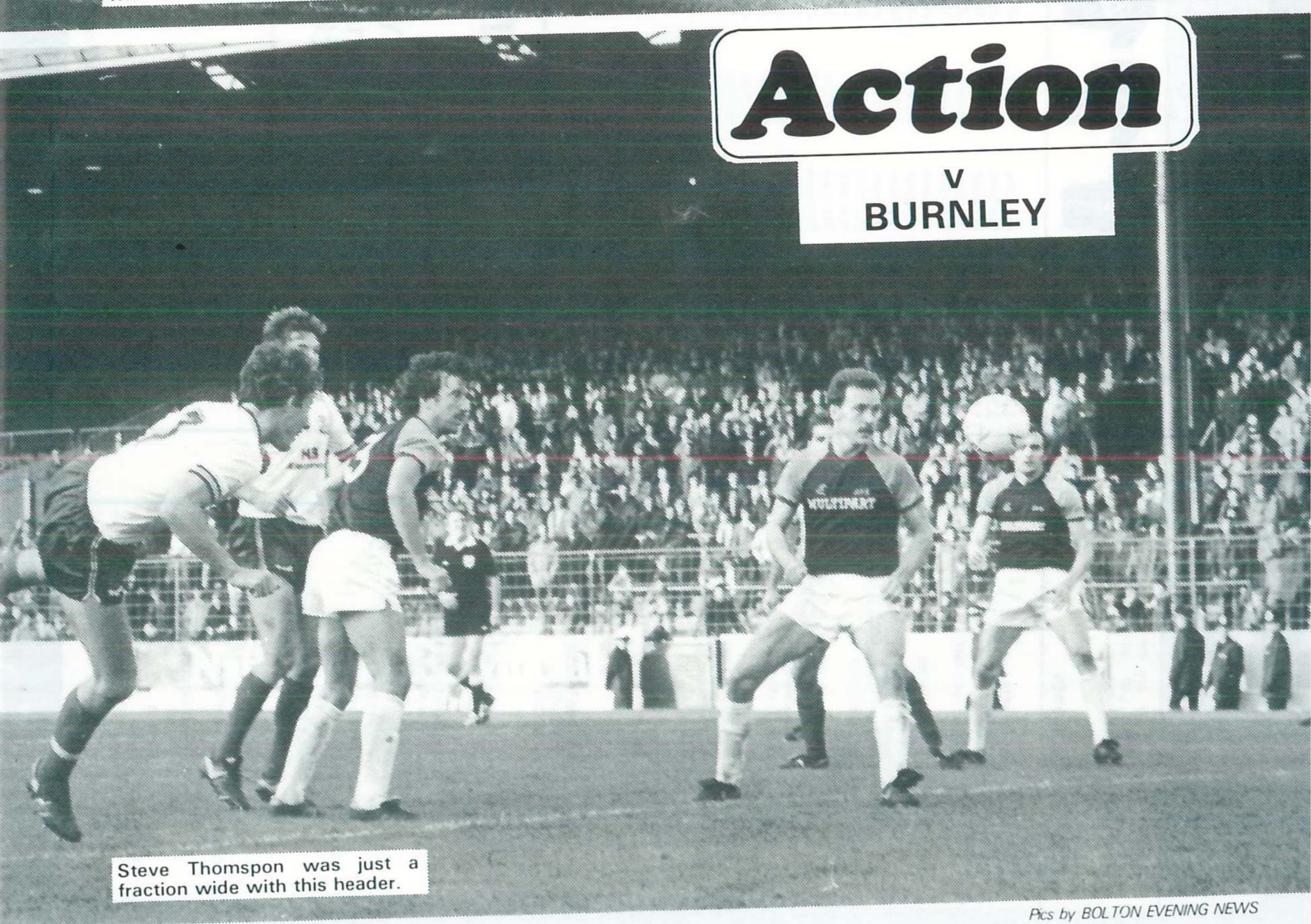
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Warren Joyce was just off-target with this header.

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Steve Thompspon was just a fraction wide with this header.

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1984	25	Bristol Rovers	0-1	4,489	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Deakin	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Joyce
Aug.	28	Oldham Athletic (MC1 1L)	2-1	3,286	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Deakin	Lodge	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
Sept.	1	Derby County	2-3	11,478	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Berry	Lodge	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Deakin
	4	Oldham Athletic (MC1 2L)	4-4	4,010	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Berry	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani ²	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	8	Hull City	0-0	5,403	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Foster
	15	Rotherham United	1-3	3,926	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	18	Swansea City	1-2	3,636	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Phillips	Came
	22	Plymouth Argyle	7-2	3,876	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ² (1p)	Oghani	Caldwell ³	Bell	Rudge
	25	Shrewsbury Town (MC2 1L)	2-2	3,720	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ¹ +	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came
	29	Doncaster Rovers	0-2	4,850	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came
Oct.	2	Walsall	3-1	4,445	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	6	Reading	1-3	3,253	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came
	9	Shrewsbury Town (MC2 2L)	2-1	5,445	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	13	A.F.C. Bournemouth	2-1	4,651	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came
	20	Preston North End	4-0	5,691	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came
	23	Bristol City	2-3	7,715	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	27	Burnley	2-3	6,460	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Deakin
	30	Notts County (MC3)	1-6	4,547	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Came	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Walker
Nov.	3	Lincoln City														Deakin
	6	York City														
	10	Newport County														
	17	Hull City (FAC1)														
	24	Gillingham														
Dec.	1	Brentford														
	8	FA Cup 2														
	15	Millwall														
	22	Cambridge United														
	26	Wigan Athletic														
	29	Bradford City														
1985	1	Orient														
Jan.	5	Bristol Rovers (FA 3)														
	12	Derby County														
	19	Hull City														
	26	Rotherham United (FA 4)														
Feb.	2	Doncaster Rovers														
	9	Plymouth Argyle														
	12	Walsall														
	16	Swansea City (FA 5)														
	23	Lincoln City														
Mar.	2	Burnley														
	5	Bristol City														
	9	Preston N.E. (FA 6)														
	16	A.F.C. Bournemouth														
	23	Reading														
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Apr.	6	Wigan Athletic														
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	20	Gillingham														
	27	Brentford														
May	4	Millwall														
	6	Bradford City														
	11	Cambridge United														
	18	FA Cup Final														

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Home matches and goalscorers in **bold** type. + Player substituted. ● Substitute used. ★ Own goal.

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Up to and including Saturday 27th October 1984

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS		GOALS		Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	L	D	F	A	
Millwall	13	6	1	0	14	3	2	2	11	9	27
Bristol Rovers	13	5	2	0	11	3	2	2	6	6	25
Bradford City	13	4	2	0	8	2	3	1	9	8	24
Rotherham United	13	4	3	0	13	7	3	0	5	5	24
Doncaster Rovers	13	5	0	2	14	9	2	2	11	9	23
Bristol City	13	4	1	1	12	7	2	3	8	9	22
Gillingham	13	3	3	1	17	11	3	0	8	11	21
York City	13	3	2	1	8	6	3	1	10	11	21
Brentford	12	4	1	2	13	6	2	1	5	7	20
Hull City	13	4	1	1	13	5	1	4	4	7	20
Derby County	13	5	1	0	14	6	0	2	3	9	18
Walsall	13	2	4	1	11	7	2	2	6	9	18
Wigan Athletic	13	4	1	2	9	6	1	2	3	9	18
Burnley	13	3	3	1	11	7	1	2	8	13	17
Reading	13	3	1	2	10	7	2	1	7	14	17
AFC Bournemouth	13	4	1	2	13	6	0	3	2	7	16
Newport County	12	3	2	0	8	3	0	3	3	9	14
Lincoln City	12	2	3	1	12	5	1	4	4	9	13
Bolton Wanderers	13	4	1	1	16	5	0	0	9	19	13
Orient	13	2	1	3	9	11	2	0	7	13	13
Swansea City	13	2	0	4	8	10	2	1	7	14	13
Preston North End	13	2	0	4	5	11	2	0	9	20	12
Plymouth Argyle	13	2	2	2	9	8	0	3	12	23	11
Cambridge United	12	1	1	5	5	12	0	1	6	13	5

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Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1984		
Aug.	29 Rotherham United	4-0
Sept.	4 Leeds United	1-1
	12 Doncaster Rovers	2-3
	19 Oldham Athletic	0-2
	26 Hull City	2-1
Oct.	3 Middlesbrough	1-3
	10 Port Vale	0-2
	17 Grimsby Town	4-3
	24 Leicester City	0-2
	31 Preston North End	2-2
Nov.	8 Blackpool	
	13 Wigan Athletic	
	21 Scunthorpe United	
	27 Burnley	
Dec	5 York City	
	10 Wolverhampton Wanderers	
	19 Sunderland	
1985		
Jan.	8 Rotherham United	
	16 Leeds United	
	23 Doncaster Rovers	
	30 Oldham Athletic	
Feb.	6 Middlesbrough	
	13 Hull City	
	20 Wigan Athletic	
	26 Blackpool	
Mar.	7 Preston North End	
	11 Leicester City	
	19 Grimsby Town	
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Apr.	3 Scunthorpe United	
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May	1 Wolverhampton Wanderers	

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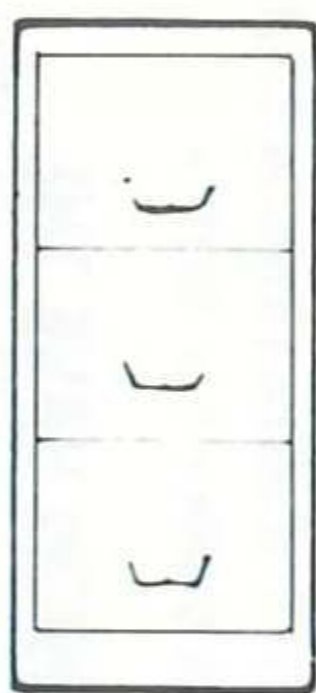
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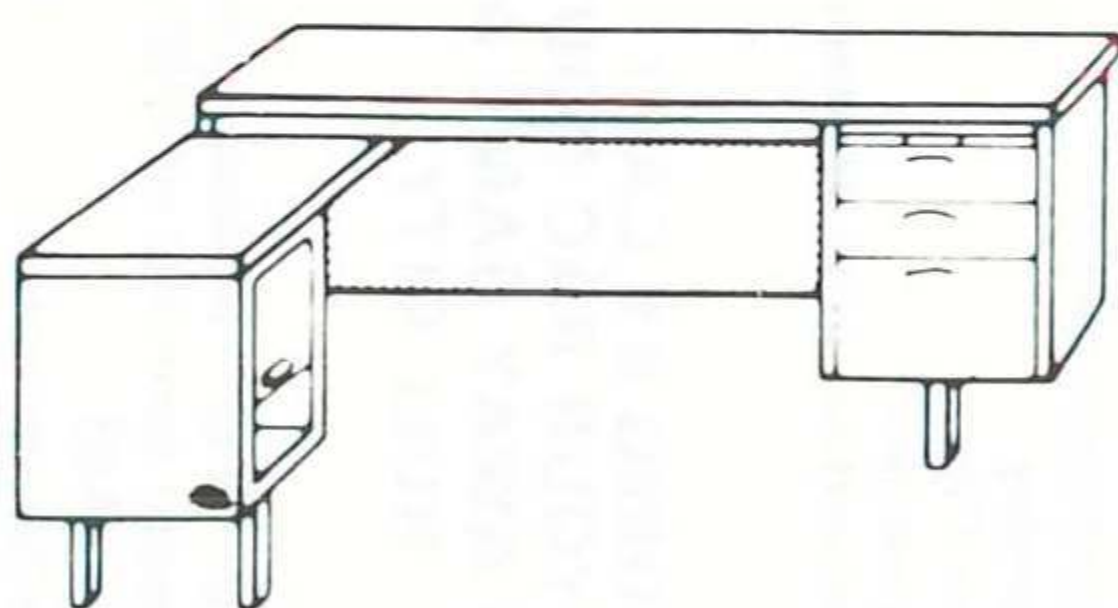
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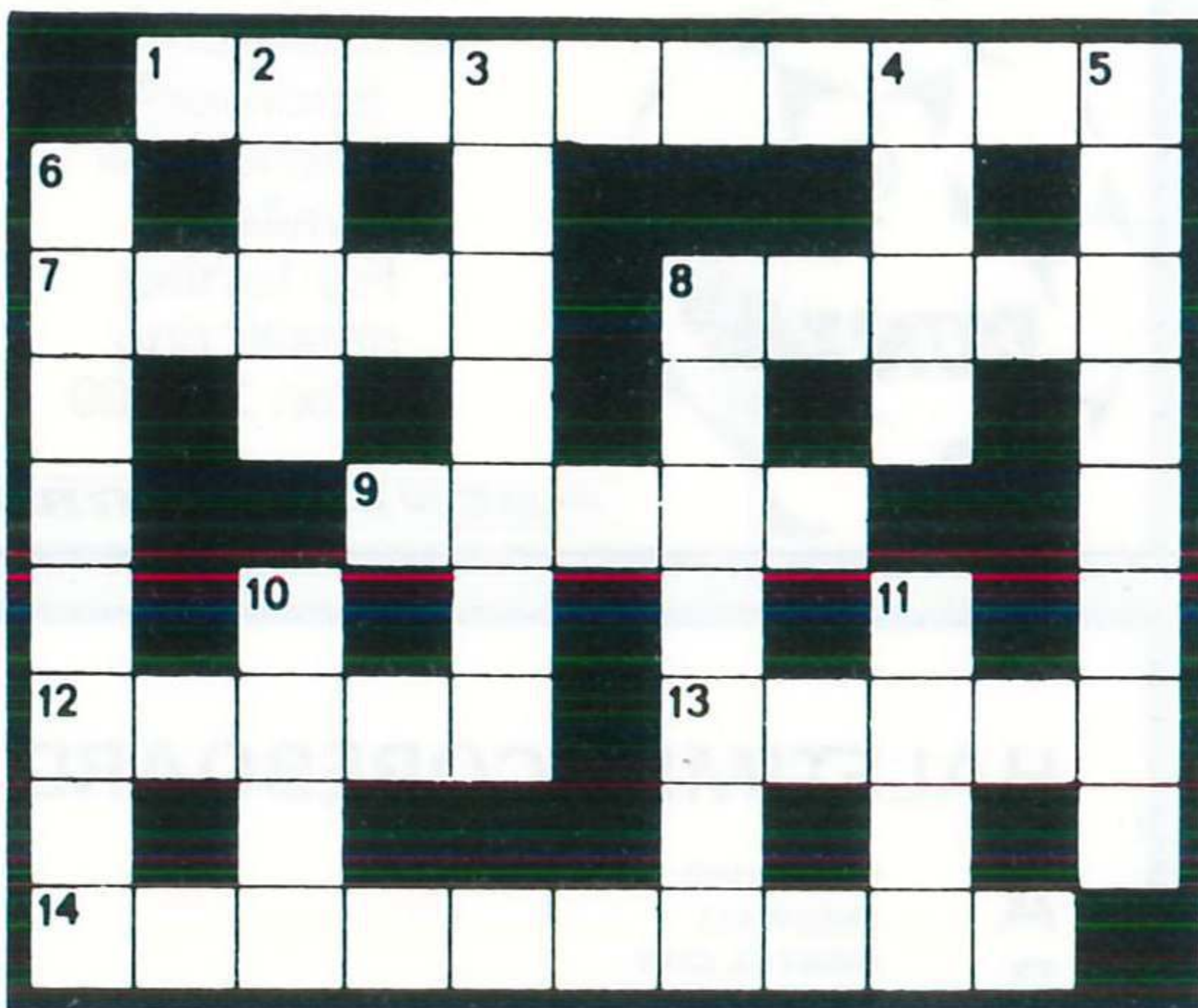
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CROSSWORD No. 9

ACROSS

- England forward who began with Burnley in the fifties and finished with Portsmouth in the seventies, where . . . (3,7)
- . . . this was his tall, striking team-mate (and first-name-sake) (5)
- Dean — — — is Bournemouth's base (5)
- Play away — the ball, that is! (5)
- — — Canning, old Villa player who became a radio reporter (5)
- Played to a conclusion but not a decision (5)
- Experienced inside-forward from York and Carlisle who was a key figure in Plymouth Argyle's great FA Cup run in 1983/84 (10)



DOWN

- Defender with goals in each of his seasons with Hartlepool, Halifax and Mansfield (4)
- & 10dn. It could be called a collecting-box! (7-4)
- Close season 'working holiday abroad' for some clubs (4)
- Defender Mike began with Birmingham but has been mainly seen with Blackburn (8)
- Those from the crowd can confuse players (8)
- — — Gentile, respected — and feared — Italian (7)
- See 3 down
- A need for the name of a defender with Spurs and Birmingham in the 1970s (4)

Answers to No. 8: **ACROSS:** 1. Stoke, 5. Shay, 6. Mexico, 8. bronze, 9. winter, 10. trials, 12. Stan, 13. Felix. **DOWN:** 1. Sam, 2. Knighton, 3. Dalziel, 4. Roberts, 5. shot wide, 7. Elliott, 11. Six.

QUICK QUIZ No. 9

- Which was the only one of the 1984 divisional champions not to have a stretch of water in its name?
- If a cup draw sets "The Magpies" against "The Magpies" who would be playing?
- Which club last scored 100 in a Second Division season?
- What is the name of the drummer long heard banging away in support of Spain?
- Of the several British clubs whose names start with C just two also end with that letter — can you name them?

Answers to No. 8

- Shrewsbury, 2. Feyenoord, 3. Yes, 4. Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton), 5. Resign.

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Re-order the letters in each of the words

POSTERN and GRAINED

to reveal two "DIVISION THREE CLUBS"

Answers to No. 8: ROCHE, PIERCE.

FITNESS TEST No. 9

Re-arrange all the letters of PAUL STURROCK to create four four-letter words that fit the edges of the diamond.



Answers to No. 8
PLAY/YEAR, PENS/STAR

ON THE BALL No. 9

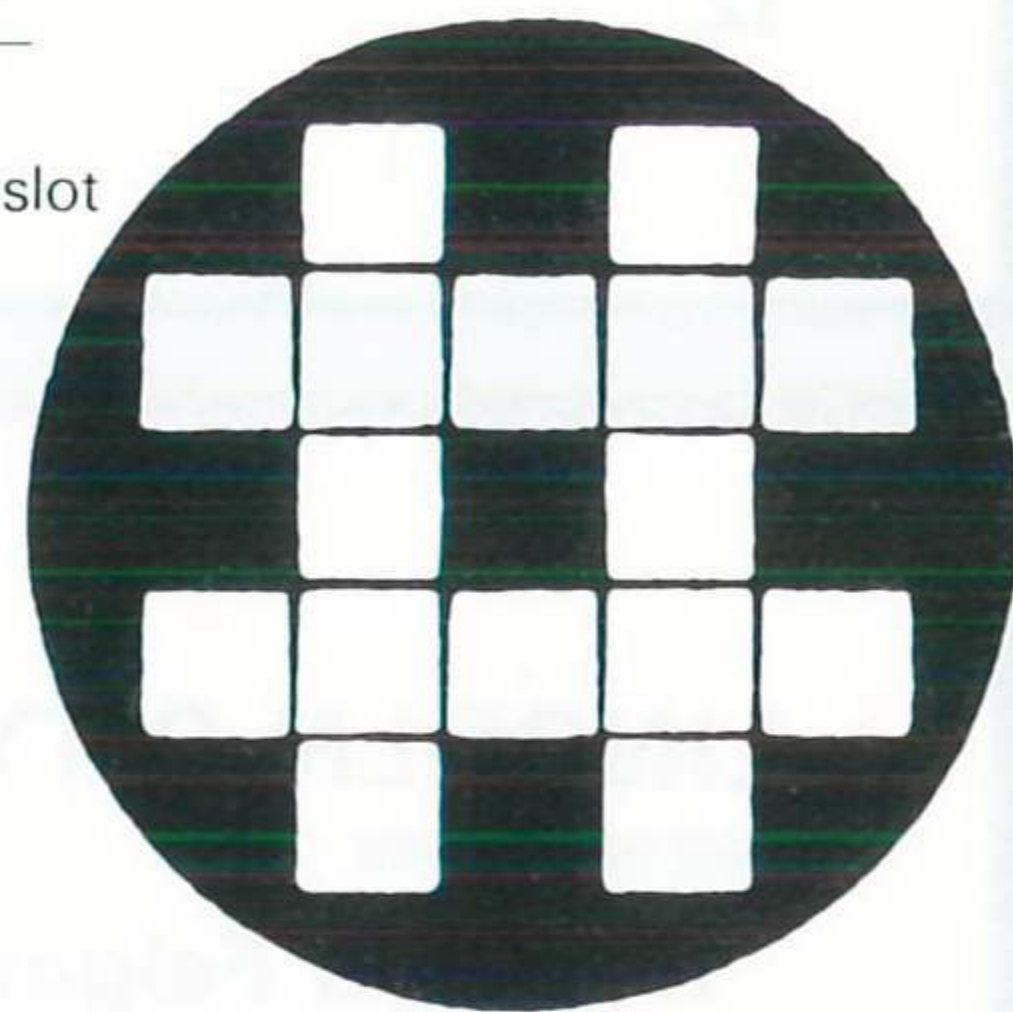
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Infringements for which . . .

. . . linesmen use — — —

Keeper on the bench?

Football — — —, the tv slot



Answers to No. 8: KEVAN, DEREK, DERBY, SAXBY.

Puzzle Page

Teams

BOLTON WANDERERS

White and Navy Blue

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrows
3. Jimmy Phillips
4. Warren Joyce
5. Gerry McElhinney
6. Mark Came
7. Steve Thompson
8. Jeff Chandler
9. George Oghani
10. Wayne Foster
11. Graham Bell
- 12.

LINCOLN CITY

Red and White

1. David Felgate
2. Neil Redfearn
3. Phil Neale
4. George Shipley
5. Alan Walker
6. Steve Thompson
7. John McGinley
8. Phil Turner
9. John Fashanu
10. Ross Jack
11. Gordon Mair
12. Gary Strodger

Today's Referee: MIKE PECK

(Kendal, Cumbria)

Schoolmaster. Married with two children. Commenced refereeing in 1965 and progressed via the West Lancashire and Central Leagues. Enjoys cricket, squash and music. Refereed the semi-final of the F.A. Trophy and F.A. Vase. Linesman in the F.A. Cup semi-final and European matches.

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N. J. ELLIS (Maghull) Yellow Flag



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